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SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister for Rural Welfare enlighten the House as to what are the cottage industries which he proposes to introduce as a result of these recommendations? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I dare say if sufficient notice is given to my Hon. Colleague, he will satisfy the Opposition."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I am asking his Hon. Colleague."

MR. SPEAKER :—" But he is not here."

Reconstruction of Veeraparagrama tank anicut in Tirunelveli district.

* 784 *Q.*—SRI P. URKAVALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 9–10 a.m.

(a) whether the Government have taken up the reconstruction scheme of the Veeraparagrama tank anicut at Nikshabavanthi of Karivalamvandanallur village of Sankarankoil taluk of Tirunelveli district; and

(b) if so, what is its present stage and what is the cause for not yet completing the scheme?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) & (b) A proposal to carry out improvements to the anicut as permanent remedial measures is under investigation by the Public Works Department."

Repairs to the road from Payyanur to Pallichal, North Malabar.

* 785 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state when the repairing of the road from Payyanur to Pallichal in North Malabar will be completed?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The annual repairs to the road from Payyanur to Pallichal for 1952–53 have been completed."

Amount sanctioned for the Nellore district under the Five-Year Plan.

* 786 *Q.*—SRI B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the amount that has been sanctioned to the Nellore district under the Five-Year Plan; and

(b) the various works that are contemplated year by year?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) The Five-Year Plan is not drawn up districtwise and no specific amount is allocated to the Nellore district. Recently a sum of Rupees 1,29,100 has been allotted to this district from the grant of 40 lakhs made by the Government of India for the programme of local development.

" (*b*) The schemes which will benefit the Nellore district are as follows:—

(1) Rallapad Irrigation Scheme—Second stage.

(2) Establishment of a block glass plant at Gudur.

(3) Vattambedu Salvage Scheme.

The Salvage Scheme is already functioning and the other two schemes are in progress."

Number of deaths in jails in 1951.

* 787 *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons, if any, for the increase in the number of deaths in jails in 1951 over that in 1950; and

(*b*) whether the increase of sickness in jails from 242·53 to 281·77 from 1950 to 1951 is due to want of proper medical attendance or due to any other reason or reasons?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" (*a*) The increase in the mortality rate was due to an increased number of deaths due to Myocarditis in 1951 and also due to the fact that most of the prisoners were anaemic and debilitated and some of them old aged at the time of admission to Jails.

" (*b*) The increase in the incidence of sickness in Jails in 1951 was not due to want of proper medical attendance but due to the fact that most of the prisoners were in a poor and neglected state of health at the time of admission and some of them had chronic diseases and required hospitalization in the Jail even from the time of admission."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—" Sir, is it a fact that most of these prisoners suffer from some sickness or other because they are supplied with mixed diet which they are unable to relish?"

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" It is not a fact, Sir."

Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR:—" May I know whether these deaths include any case of suicide and whether the health of the prisoners improves or decreases after admission to the jails?"

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" Decidedly it improves."

Sri K. RAJAGOPALA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, what steps the Government have taken to arrest the increasing sickness and to provide proper medical facilities to the prisoners?"

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" Every arrangement is being made, Sir."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM:—" Out the total cases of mortality, how many are due to shooting and lathi-charge and tortute by the jail officials?"